were indulging on stariff undercounting in contravention of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. Such under-cutting adversely affects the business of our national carriers. A meeting of all foreign operators was convened by DGCA on 8-7-1994 to discuss this issue and all operators were advised to strictly follow the relevant provisions of the Aircraft Rules. 1937 regarding fixation and charging of tariffs. A team has also been constituted by the Directol General of Civil Aviation with a representative of Reserve Bank of India to go through the financial records of airlines and their agents from time to time to detect undercutting of fares.

Death of Governor of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh in air crash

370. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered an equiry into the air crash in which Governor of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh with his family and other crew members were killed recently;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary investigations have been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) wnether the Union Government propose to examine the worthiness of the planes with each of the State Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what steps have been taken for the bereaved family Members of the late Governor of Punjab and the crew members?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The accident is under investigation by an Inspector of Accidents appointed by the Director General of Civil Aviation Under Rule 71 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. The Government also propose to appoint a Court of Inquiry headed by a sitting Judge of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh to investigate the accident under Rule 75 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(d) and (e) The State Government aircraft are maintained, inspected and certified in accordance with schedules prescribed by the manufacturers and duly approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

(f) The information is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of Bangalore Airport into International Airport

371. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have made a request to HAL and Defence Ministry for permission to convert the Bangalore Airport into an International Airport;

(b) if so, whether the HAL and Defence Ministry have accorded the necessary permission;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not according the permission when the Airport is already used by the Civil Aviation and International cargo carriers; and

(d) whether Defence Ministry will be approached for permitting the Deptt. of Civil Aviation to convert Bangalore Airport as an International Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No such request has been made for conversion of Bangalore airport into international airport.